



## **Rain Barrel Rebate Instructions and Design Guidelines**

### **Rockville RainScapes Rebate Program**

The City of Rockville offers a rebate of \$1 per gallon for rain barrel installations with a minimum volume of 50 gallons. The rebate amount cannot exceed documented costs. Eligible properties can receive a lifetime total of \$2,500 in RainScapes rebates. You must apply prior to installing the landscape and retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final invoices for all project costs.

#### **Eligibility**

- ✓ Projects must be installed at a private single-family residence, homeowners' association, condominium association, housing cooperative or other non-profit property located in the City of Rockville.
- ✓ Projects will **not** qualify for rebates if they are partially or completely finished before approval.
- ✓ Projects are **not** eligible if they are associated with permit approval requirements for new building construction, additions, or renovations.
- ✓ Applicants are responsible for obtaining any required HOA approvals, permits or other permissions related to their project.
- ✓ All requirements must be met as outlined in this document and in the approved application. All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of the City of Rockville.

#### **Application Process and Requirements**

- 1. Review requirements and submit your application.**  
Review all requirements and *Design Guidelines* below. Then, complete the online application found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes). Have photos of the project area(s), approval letters, and other documentation ready to upload. *Please allow at least 14 business days for application processing.*
- 2. Receive application approval and sign Property Owner Agreement.**  
Wait to receive approval from the RainScapes Coordinator before purchasing or installing the project. After application approval, a Property Owner Agreement will be sent to you for signature.
- 3. Begin and complete your project.**  
Projects must be completed within 6 months of approval. Make sure the project meets the *Design Guidelines* and that all HOA approvals, permits, or other permissions are obtained. You must retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final paid invoices (showing a zero balance) for all project costs.
- 4. Final inspection/approval.**  
Once the project is complete, email all related receipts, final invoices, and photos of the completed project to [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov). A site visit will then be scheduled within 14 business days. At the final inspection, installation of the project will be verified, and the project area will be photographed.
- 5. Receive reimbursement check.**  
If all requirements are met, the rebate will be approved, and a check will be issued by the City of Rockville's Department of Finance within three to six weeks.



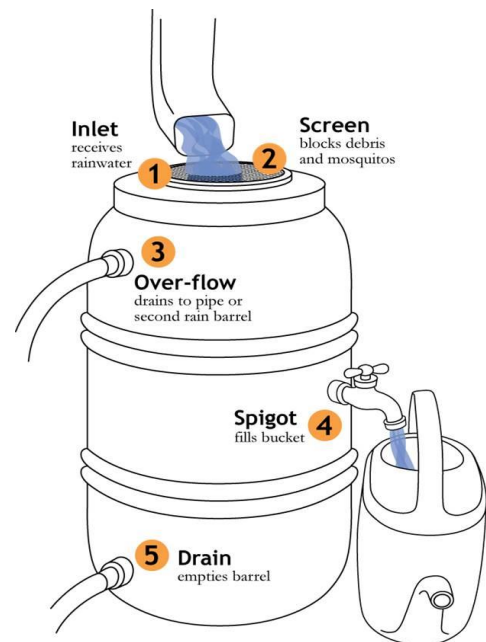
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**\*\* These guidelines and criteria will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version. \*\***

Written approval from the RainScapes Coordinator is required before you begin installation or construction. Projects installed before approval will not qualify for rebates.

### Rain Barrel and Above Ground Cistern Requirements

- ☐ Minimum size: 50 gallons
- ☐ Required elements
  - Inlet connected to a downspout (1)
  - Secure lid and screen for safety and mosquito control (2)
  - Overflow outlet and hose leading drainage at least 4ft away from any foundation (3)
  - Solid, level support base
- ☐ Recommended elements
  - Water access tap (4)
  - Drainage outlet at bottom (5)
  - Additional mosquito control (i.e. mosquito pellets)



### Documentation Requirements

To complete the application, you will need the following documents read to upload:

- ☐ Photos of locations barrels will be installed (up to 10).
- ☐ If applying as an HOA, condominium association, or non-profit, you will need to upload a project approval letter from your organization's board.
- ☐ If applying as a renter, you will need to upload a project approval letter from the property owner.

### Important Note:

The diagram above is a general concept of a rain barrel. Some designs will differ slightly in style or function but must contain all the required elements above to qualify for a rebate. Underground cisterns require additional documentation guidelines. Email [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) for details.

### Rain Barrel Resources

- [Rain Barrel Video Series](#)
- [Rain Barrel Presentation](#)
- [Rain Barrel Project Manual \(Montgomery County\)](#)
- [How to Maintain Your Rain Barrel \(Montgomery County\)](#)
- [Make Your Own Rain Barrel \(Maryland Department of Natural Resources\)](#)
- [How to Keep Your Rain Barrel Free of Mosquitoes \(Blue Water Baltimore\)](#)